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#### POETRY.

What is poetry? Is it a mosaic Of colored stones which curiously are wrought?

Into is per bern? Rather glass that's taught

By patient labor any hue to take;

And glowing with a sumptuous splendor, make

Beauty a thing of awe; where numbers caught,

Transmuted fall in sheaf of rainbows fraught

With storied meaning for religion's sake.

—Amy Lowell.

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The charge made against Dr. Best by Mr. Button, the contractor who is building the reservoir, is serious. In substance the accusation is that the doctor tried to use his position as a member of the city water board to force the contractor to come to his terms on a private business affair.

Dr. Best was appointed to the water board to serve the general public, not to feather his own nest by coercing a contractor into employing his horses at a high price or by any other method. If the doctor is guilty of the charge made against him he should get off the board. He has no business on that board nor is it a place for any other man of that stripe. If the charge against Dr. Best is true then in the doctor's mind the question as

to whether or not the reservoir contractors are doing good work depends upon whether or not the Dr. Best horses are used and are paid a higher price than is paid other teams.

The doctor's intimation that the story was an attack upon him by other members of the board is unfounded. This paper was not asked to publish the story; no member of the water board was ever consulted at all and the story was published for its news value only.

Nevertheless Dr. Best's desire to make a counter attack is interesting. If he knows any facts reflecting on the integrity of other members of the board he should make those facts known. It is not merely his privilege to do so but his duty.

If there are other men accused of private grafting let us know at once who they are and what the charges amount to. The columns of this paper are open to anyone having such facts, no matter who those charges may involve.

That story published Saturday indicates Dr. Best has no business on the water board. If there are other men in the same plight now is the time to find it out.

In Portland yesterday a municipal concert was given though the affair was not entirely free.

Public Music, as an admission charge of ten cents was imposed. Those who attended enjoyed the concert and it is more than probable that similar public musical events will be held in the future.

The idea of municipal music, however, is not new. In the southern hemisphere music is nationalized nearly everywhere as is shown by the following from a recent editorial in the Christian Science Monitor:

"Travelers in South America are as

one in pronouncing the opera houses

in the leading cities there splendid structures. When to this is added

that the respective governments or

municipalities in the first instance pay

the bills for the maintenance of high-

class opera, and that the public enters

with enthusiasm into any scheme that

makes for musical advancement, it is

more readily understood why the

southern republics consider it a pro-

per to subsidize operatic art and

to provide buildings that are the pride

of their localities.

"It may be news to a considerable

number of readers that many great

operatic singers were welcomed in

Mouth America before they visited the

United States. Sorel, Constantine, Bondi and Tetzrini having sung more frequently in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires than in New York. Performers of world-wide renown acclaim the opera houses of the Brazilian and Argentine capitals wonderful from the architectural standpoint and the acoustics they rate as equal to the best. seldom in the municipal opera house crowded away among other structures but it usually stands in the leading plaza open on all sides and centering the social life of the city. In this way the building impresses itself on the citizens and strangers, carrying outwardly the artistic message that is exemplified within by talent that comes from many lands. Italian, French and Spanish are the languages used by singers that consider it a chief part of their career to appear in South America."

Music would thrive better in the United States were it taken out of the class of profit making enterprises and conducted for the love of music, not for the love of money.

Complaints are made here to the effect that boys of very tender years are able to buy cigarettes Unusually and possibly tobacco in Business other form from some liquor and cigar stores. Doubtless this is not true of all the cigar stands but it is true of some of them and is a condition that should not exist. To sell cigarettes to little boys is a violation of a state law and also of an ordinance. It is furthermore an unmanly thing to do. A tobacco dealer who cannot make a living without selling cigarettes to little boys should go into some other line of business. When there is a dealer who has not sufficient manhood to obey this law on his own accord the state and city officers can render a good service to the community by bringing such a man to terms.

BY THE SCISSORS

#### EXCESS CONDEMNATION OF LAND

(Chicago News)

Cities of Europe are enabled to undertake and carry through many important municipal enterprises that would not be possible to American cities. The reason is that European cities are not hampered by hard and fast constitutional restrictions. For example, in Liverpool and various other cities of Great Britain slum districts that breed disease and crime are effected by direct municipal action, the old rookeries being re-

placed by recent living quarters. Another effective agency for securing the regeneration of city districts has been used for years in Europe. It is excess condemnation of land when public improvements are to be made, more land being taken than is actually needed for the particular work in hand. Thus the cost of the improvement is commonly paid in large part through the sale or lease of the extra land after it has received an enhanced value through the public improvement adjoining it.

Citizens of New York state are presumably on the point of giving to themselves the benefit of the thoroughly tested principle of excess condemnation. They are to vote at next month's election on an amendment to the state constitution giving the legislature power to authorize municipal governments to apply the principle when making public improvements. A similar amendment was rejected at the polls two years ago because it was linked with several others that were unpopular.

Reason supports the policy underlying excess condemnation. The growth of a city, together with the public improvements thus made desirable, enhances the value of real estate in certain districts. Obviously, the municipality, when condemnation takes place for some improvement to be made at the public expense, should have the power to secure for the public some, at least, of the real property values thus to be directly created. Certainly it is far better that the entire community should so benefit than that politicians or their friends should take advantage of early information and profit by securing options on the real estate to be specifically affected. Moreover, the city should thus secure a considerable measure of control over private buildings adjoining parks, driveways and kindred improvements, lest the beauty and utility of those expensive public enterprises be seriously marred.

Proper development of American cities would receive a great impetus from a grant to those cities of the power to apply wisely the principle of excess condemnation when public improvements are to be made.

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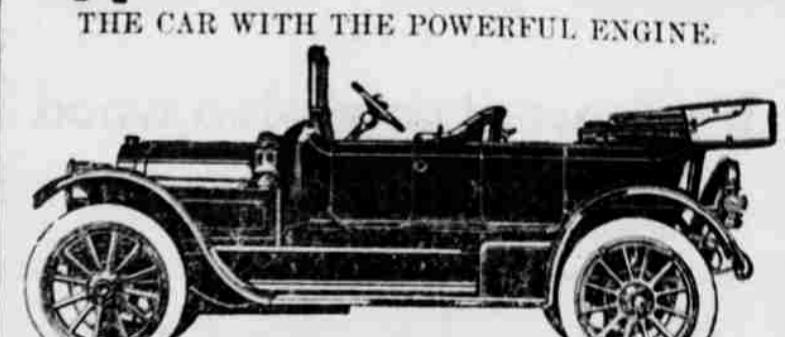
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